Token strike by ClassIII/IV employees of different hospital

771. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Class III and IV employees of different hospitals in Delhi have decided to go on a token strike on May 2, 1989 and on an indefinite strike thereafter to press their demands pending due since long; and

(b) if so, the details of their demands and steps being taken to avert the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A notice from All India Health Employees and Workers Confederation has been received for one day token strike on 2-5-1989. The demands of the Confederation could be considered by the Government only after the Confederation is duly recognised under the rules framed by the Department of Personnel and Training Govern- of India.

Research proposals from young scientists to the Secince and Engineering Research Council

772. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Science and Engineering Research Council is receiving any proposals from young scientists for research in various disciplines;

(b) if so, whether these proposals are screened and some projects are sanctioned;

(c) whether any major projects in future technologies have been sanctioned under this scheme during the last three years; and

(d) if so, what are the projects and what has been the result of work on them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Science and Engineering Research Council initiated this new programme in early 87 for young scientists to support them to persue their bright ideas in newly emerging and frontline areas of research. Proposals are screened through a mechanism evolved by Science and Engineering Research Council.

(c) and (d) So far 26 young sicentists have been supported in various scientific disciplines in frontline and emerging areas. These projects relate to aspects such as studies on plant growth; water quality estimation; studies of semi-conductors and related aspects; development of micro computer based system to study electrical responses, etc. Projects under the scheme are aimed at enabling young scientists to launch themselves into an independent research career.

Growth rate of population in tribal areas

773. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the growth rate of population in the tribal areas is much less as compared to other areas of the country, resulting in decrease in the proportional population of the tribals; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI

SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) As per census figures of 1961, 1971 and 1981, proportion of tribals in the total population of the country has increased from 6.87 per cent in 1961 to 6.94 per cent in 1981 and to 7.76 per cent, in 1981, thereby indicating that growth rate of tribal population has been higher than growth rate of total population in the country. However, the States/U.Ts. have been requested not to implement family welfare programme mechanically in tribal areas and to lay more emphasis on strengthening general health care and MHC services including immunisation and improvement of nutritional status there. The programme amongst the numerically small and extremely backward tribal population should be sensitively implemented so as to ensure balanced development, well-being and health care of these groups; tribes facing the prospect of extinction should not be subjected to any intensive family planning drives.

Privatisation of Taloja Unit of the Bharat Electronics Limited

774. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 164 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 1988; and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some organisations have protested against the proposal for privatisation of the Bharat Electronics Limited, Taloja, Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representationists have made the point that the Taloja unit is a healthy one and have expressed their apprehension about the future of the employees of the unit in case the proposal to set up a tripartite joint venture between Bharat Electronics Ltd., Samtel (India) and Corning Glass Works, USA for take over of the Taloja unit goes through. The Government is not considering any proposal for privatisation of the Taloja unit.

छावनी बोर्ड, लखनऊ के कर्मचारियों के भत्तों के भुगतान पर खर्च की गई राशि

775. श्री शरद यादव : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जनवरी, 1987 से दिसम्बर, 1988 तक की अवधि के दौरान लखनऊ छावनी बोर्ड के कर्मचारियों को अतिरिक्त भत्तों के भुगतान पर, माह-वार, कुल कितनी राशि खर्च की गई ;

(ख) जनवरी, 1987 से दिसम्बर, 1988 की अवधि के दौरान छावनी बोर्ड, लखनऊ द्वारा दैनिक वेतन भोगी कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति पर माह-वार, कितनी राशि खर्च की गई ;

(ग) क्या उपरोक्त व्यय इस विषय में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा जारी निर्देशों के अनुसार न्यायसंगत और औचित्यपूर्ण था, यदि नहीं, तो निदेशक, रक्षा सम्पदा, मध्य कमान ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इन अनियमितताओं तथा अनाधिकृत व्यय के संबंध में जांच करा कर दोषी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंतामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) शून्य ।

(ख) और (ग) खर्च की गई राशि के ब्यौरे जो कि न्यायोचित हैं, विवरण में दिए गए हैं (नीचे देखिये) ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।